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# “True Parents are the True Parents of Humankind. They are True Children of Piety in the Eyes of God. We will become like True Parents!”



① Victory Celebration Hoon Dok Hwe for the 55th Anniversary of the Unification Church Ministry in Japan, Jou-Shin'etsu Event  
② True Mother cuts the victory cake with Mrs. Yeon-ah Choi

### The world can be seen with a different light if we have the “heart of parents” and the “heart of a child with filial piety”

“Hurry up! True Mother wants to leave for the Nagano Church now.” The rushed voices of the staff could be heard everywhere. The fuss came about when True Mother expressed her desire to go to the Nagano Church, the rally’s venue, an hour ahead

of time. There were smiles on the faces of the staff, though.

“Did we ever think of the mother’s heart having to sleep in a hotel when her daughter she hardly gets to see lives just a few miles away?”

“Is there such a thing as a schedule for a mother to visit her daughter?”

“True Mother is a mother and is a grandmother

in front of grandchildren; full of love and heart. How much did she long to see them and give them love?”

“It is in a way natural for True Mother to be in a hurry. We had been calling True Mother all this time, but had forgotten the fact that she is someone who actually has a parental heart. True Mother is our mother! The mother of humanity! She must have been so excited to see her beloved children and worried about their

lives that she could not sleep well last night.”

These were the kind of thoughts that were probably going through the minds of the staff, and that is why their hesitation immediately transformed into smiles.

The Blessed Families and members of the Japanese Unification Church saw the real image of True Mother. It was the image of a mother whose thoughts, interests and actions were all focused on her children. When True Mother faced her children, however, she spoke in tears about the suffering and sorrowful heart of our Heavenly Parents, the heart full of “resentment”, and how we must liberate His heart. True Parents are also children in front of our Heavenly Parents. True Mother knows that the best way to love children is to teach them to love their parents, teach them to unite with them, and show them by actually becoming one with





① True Mother enjoys the cultural performance  
② Participants applaud the cultural performance



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## True Parents value our humble dedication and suffering and connect us to Heaven's Blessings

you. True Mother showed us that filial piety to parents and love for children are not two contradicting things.

To a mother with a new-born baby, pointed edges of furniture look like weapons. She complains how inconsiderate the makers are of children's safety, and rushes to buy safety gadgets that make the pointed edges round or cuts tennis balls into half and attaches them on to the corners to prevent the baby from getting hurt. She would be worried that the baby might stick chopsticks into electric outlets. When the baby grows up, she would gradually give him responsibilities so that he can mature by fulfilling those responsibilities. She prays in her heart that he can receive his blessing in life in this way.

In this way, the parents' viewpoint of the world is focused on their child's growth and happiness. True Parents are the same. By giving us a blessing, they are giving us a responsibility, and fulfilling that responsibility is what it means to receive the blessing. Just as God's three blessings are given when human

beings fulfill their responsibilities, parents have both loving and strict qualities.

True Mother gave us the "seed" for happiness and success, and wants us to be able to see the fruit it will yield. She wants us to see the possibilities and the future hidden in the seed. We were able to realize through True Mother's words during the rally at Nagano Church yesterday, that she wants us to overcome our current sufferings by envisioning that future.

People who are on a diet tend to notice restaurants and parents who raise small children notice the dangers in the world. The world looks different depending on what kind of hope and dream we have. What does the world look like to True Parents who feel the pain and sorrow of God?

What does Japan look like to True Parents who love the Japanese Blessed Families and members so much? What would the world look like if we became one with True Parents centering on God? It would

probably look like nothing is impossible. In this way, True Mother's words, "There is nothing we cannot accomplish if we become one", gives us hope.

### Victory Celebration Hoon Dok Hwe

Eiji Tokuno, the president of FFWPU Japan, opened the Victory Celebration Hoon Dok Hwe. A bow and flower presentations followed the entrance of True Parents and True Family. Rev. Shin, the parish director of Niigata and Mrs. Makiko Sato, the Blessed Wives Representative presented flowers. Then, True Mother cut the victory cake with Mrs. Yeon Ah Choi and Rev. Yong Cheon Song, the president of the National Blessed Family Association. Mr. Kiyotaka Takahashi, the parish director of Gunma offered the representative prayer. He reported with strong determination; "The Rally Honoring the 55th Anniversary of the Arrival of Unificationist Missionaries to Japan held yesterday with True Mother was a historic moment and the True Mother's heartfelt words

of Heaven's resentment and homeland gave much strength to the Japanese Unification Church that made a new start to fulfill Vision 2020. We especially realized how insufficient we were in our hearts, in our spirits, in our external conditions, in everything. We will, however, continue to move forward and reach Heaven's standards, by growing toward Vision 2020 with joy and gratitude."

Mrs. Sadako Taguchi, the Blessed Wives Representative of South Nagano Parish, read from Cheon Seon Gyong, the Cheon Il Guk scripture, Section 2 "True Parents", Chapter 1 "Who are True Parents?", followed by a testimony of witnessing activities by Mr. Kazuya Okazaki of the Fukushima District. Mr. Okazaki witnessed to 12 new people in the first half of 2013 and now has 27 spiritual children. His wife has 16, so the couple has a total of 43 spiritual children, making them a model family for witnessing.

Mr. Okazaki started witnessing proactively after





True Mother sings "Saranghe"



Middle and High School Student Chorus of South Nagano Parish sings "Father and Mother, We Love You"



Mrs. Yeon-ah Choi, International Chairman Chang-shik Yang and Assistant Won-ju Cho applaud the cultural performance (from left)



Dance and song by 12-member CIG Revival Group of Gunma Parish

## Creating an environment that can nurture pure and beautiful Blessed Children is the way to open up our future

he listened to True Mother's words spoken last April in America. She said, "Christians such as Mormons are still waiting for the Messiah. You have already met the Messiah, the Second Coming, and it is your responsibility now to witness to these people and all the others in the world." When he heard this, he made a determination to testify to God's Word and True Parents in front of the world.

During the three 50-day special witnessing periods in 2013, a total of 150 days, Mr. Okazaki made a strategy to witness to his parents, family and relatives, step by step. He reported on how he succeeded with deep dedication and proactive practice of faith. He emphasized, "We are now living in the Age of Cheon Il Guk, with True Father in Heaven and True Mother on this earth working together. With just a little human effort and responsibility, we can be successful in witnessing." He also expressed his conviction in witnessing that "If we go out with confidence and a smile on our face to confidently convey True Parents and the Divine Principle, we will not only be able to witness, but the social image of the Unification Church will automatically change."

Mr. Gyon Tack Nam, the director of the 4th Parish, gave a report on the Joshinetsu Rally. Before his report, Mr. Nam introduced six Parish Directors and four Blessed Wives' Representatives to True Mother and said, "It was because these people united with all of the family members and completely dedicated themselves to preparation, that yesterday's event was a success." He also introduced Ms. Kazumi Kawakubo (child of a Korean-Japanese Blessed Couple, and currently a student at Seoul University majoring in vocal music) who sang the congratulatory song at the rally, and Ms. Makiko Kawada of Tochigi Parish who folded 40 thousand origami cranes in prayer for the rally's victory and True Mother's health using 7~8 hours a day for 100 days since July. Since October 21st was the Blessing Anniversary of the 777 couples, Mrs. Youko Furihata, Mrs. Kikuko Suenaga (Vice President of FFWPU Japan), and Mrs. Kimiko Abe were also introduced to True Mother.

Parish Director Nam reported that 3,089 people attended the rally the day before. "The 28 churches of the 5 parishes of the 4th Region have moved forward to this day, holding on to what True Mother

said 8 years ago when she visited the Nagano Church. She said that if we become 5 times bigger, she would bring True Father here. We accomplished the external expansion but have only reached three times the number of members, so we will make a new determination today and accomplish that goal without fail." He reported on the witnessing and education systems and strategies in place within the Parish and the activities of the CIG Revival Team. He continued, "We are deeply grateful to True Mother who kept her promise for 8 years to visit us. Your words 'True Father is here with us today' and the tears you shed explaining True Parents' heart and life to liberate our Heavenly Parent from 6,000 years of resentment spoke everything. We realized clearly what True Mother's tears meant and we will continue to move forward towards 'Vision 2020.'" He then introduced some reflections from the participants of the rally.

One Ambassador of Peace who was involved in the education commission for Nagano City said, "I became connected to the Japanese Unification Church after reading the autobiography and began taking deep interest in Rev. Moon's philosophy and

movement. I could feel the strength of the Japanese Unification Church through this rally. I would like to do my best as an Ambassador of Peace." It was his first time attending an official church gathering.

A Second Generation youth movingly said, "I could not help crying when I saw True Mother shedding her tears showing us without so many words about God's suffering heart. I would like to do my best to accomplish 'the restoration of Japan, the providential Mother Nation', to give back to our True Parents for loving Nagano and the entire nation so much."

A female Shinto priest whose temple is located in Southern Nagano said, "Through Mrs. Hak Ja Han who advocates Cheon Il Guk, I could feel that she was one with Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and that Rev. Moon was there at the rally himself giving deep devotion for its success." Mr. Nam ended his report by saying, "We are truly grateful to True Mother who recognized our small pain and suffering as something of bigger value, and who embraced us with unlimited love."

Following Mr. Nam's report, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, International President of UPF, stood up to speak.





True Mother visits Nagano Church and takes a commemorative photograph with members

“In Hokkaido, Tokyo, and Nagoya, True Mother summarized clearly the history of human civilization centered on God’s providential history of salvation, but here in Nagano, she spoke of God’s heart and resentment. More than anything, we could sense True Mother’s love and deep heart for Blessed Families and members, when we saw her visit to the church an hour earlier than expected.” He explained the content of the “Cham Bumo Gyong”, a Cheon Il Guk Scripture to be published soon, especially concerning the history of God’s search for True Mother and what it took to become True Mother.

He also explained that it was not a coincidence the Unification Church experienced rapid internal and external growth since the 1960s when True Father and Mother had the Holy Wedding, but that it was the inevitable result of God’s providence. He continued to explain the 40-year indemnity course, and “God’s Coronation Ceremony” that took place on January 13, 2001 in which God was liberated. Then he explained the Cheon Il Guk course leading up to January 13, 2013, the Cheon Il Guk Scripture publication project that True Mother is heading up for the completion of

Vision 2020, and the educational activities that they have embarked on to raise the second generation as the founding leaders of Cheon Il Guk. He concluded the special report by adding, “True Mother is always with True Father wherever she may be, and makes all the decisions with him. In this respect, please remember that Japan received special love and blessing from True Parents through this tour and that it was not meant only for Japan, but for the entire world.”

During the cultural attraction, the CIG Revival Team of 12 members from Gunma Parish performed a dance and a song. A choir of 26 junior-high and high school students from South Nagano Parish sang “True Parents, I love you”, and a choir of 30 pastors from the 4th Region sang “Man in the Wilderness”. After the entertainment, a gift filled with the members’ dedication and gratitude was offered to True Parents.

After True Mother told the group that “she would bless them to become 10 times more abundant than they are now”, she asked the leaders to sing some songs. Rev. Eiji Tokuno, Mrs. Won Joo McDevitt, Dr. Chang Shik Yang, and the security team at Cheon Jeon Gung Museum offered the songs. After listening to all the songs, True Mother spoke about grandparents’ love, especially the grandmothers’ love for grandchildren. “I heard that there are 1,500 Blessed Children in this region alone. The parents must create a good environment, in the way of the Will, where these second generation children can grow with purity and beauty. We must raise them so that they can be proud of themselves at school and in the society and that we can be proud of these second and third generations of True Parents to show to the world. This is the mission that we must accomplish from now on. I pray that everyone can become abundant by accomplishing a growth of ten-times what it is now through witnessing.” She gave a special allowance that she had prepared in Korea to the Second Generation and sang “Sarang He (I love you)” in a beautiful voice.

The Victory Celebration Hoon Dok Hwe ended in four cheers of Og Mansei led by Mr. Song Bong Gyou, Director of the Tochigi Parish.